

Wycombe can go second at Clapton

WITH the top three clubs involved in cup competitions tomorrow (Saturday), Wycombe Wanderers have a great chance to take over second position in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division One, when they make the return visit to Clapton.

Both leaders Enfield and the third placed club Dagenham are involved in the F.A. Trophy, third round. Enfield have a really tough task on their hands away to Northern Premier League stars Scarborough, who won the competition in 1973. Meanwhile Dagenham take on Weymouth at home and will also do well to beat a side that drew twice with Peterborough United in this term's F.A. Cup and knocked out Leatherhead in the last round.

Dulwich, who occupy second place but have played three games more than Wycombe, are at home to Addlestone in the Surrey Senior Cup.

Wycombe's visit to Clapton is therefore important, for they cannot afford to drop points from these sort of games if they are to mount any sort of pressure on Enfield, 10 points clear at present. There was a sign of Enfield slipping last

week, however, when they fell 1-0 at Leatherhead.

Wycombe could have mid-field man Terry Reardon back in the team tomorrow. He missed Tuesday's win over Hitchin and was in bed earlier in the week with a septic throat. If Terry is fit it will present manager Brian Lee with a problem. Dave Alexander, who replaced Reardon, has been improving rapidly recently and had a fine game against Rivets last Saturday. Howard Kennedy also looked good on Tuesday night against Hitchin while Mick Holifield is an automatic choice these days. Alexander could be the man to make way.

Although Gary Hand was troubled by his knee injury on Tuesday, he should be fit, which will mean Paul Birdseye return-

ing to full back. Again, this is a difficult decision for Lee as Paul Griffiths has played particularly well in the number two shirt recently.

If Clapton's performance against Slough last Saturday is anything to go by, Wanderers should have little trouble in recording another 'double' at the Spotted Dog Ground. Goals by Roy Davies (2), Dave Kemp, Terry Brown and an o.g. gave Slough one of the biggest wins of the season.

Wycombe have already beaten the Essex club at Loakes Park this season when they recovered from the shock of conceding a second minute goal to run out 2-1 winners. Mick Holifield and Steve Perrin were the marksmen.

Clapton recently won an appeal to the F.A. to cancel the Rothmans Isthmian League's decision to deduct eight league points from their total for misconduct. The F.A. overruled the Isthmians and Clapton's points were restored.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	25	21	1	3	52	14	64
Dulwich	28	17	4	7	48	24	55
Dagenham	22	17	3	3	57	22	54
Wycombe	25	16	6	3	44	22	54
Leatherhead	25	15	4	6	53	28	49
Ilford	25	14	5	6	56	32	47
Sutton	29	14	3	12	52	43	45
Tooting	24	12	5	7	32	30	41
Slough	26	11	5	10	45	34	38
Kingston	29	12	1	16	33	44	37
Walstow	28	10	8	12	41	38	36
Hendon	27	10	6	12	36	47	35
Oxford	27	10	4	13	35	38	34
Barking	28	9	6	13	48	51	33
Bishop's	23	10	2	11	30	34	32
Clapton	29	10	2	17	35	60	32
Ley stone	26	8	5	13	27	32	29
Hitchin	22	8	2	12	31	42	26
Hayes	28	6	7	15	35	49	25
Woking	27	6	6	16	28	48	24
Walton	27	5	3	19	71	18	18
Bromley	27	5	1	21	18	58	16